

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 9 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 5-8, and 10 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to claim any disclaimed subject matter in a co-pending, related application. Claim 4 has been further amended to correct a typographical error. The amendments are supported in the originally filed specification. As such, no new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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